



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 332

LCO No. 1822



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONFINEMENT OF DRUG OVERDOSE
VICTIMS IN A HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17a-502 of the general statutes be amended to include
- 2 accidental drug overdose as evidence a physician may consider when
- 3 determining whether a person has a psychiatric disability and is a
- 4 danger to himself or herself for purposes of confinement in a hospital
- 5 for psychiatric disabilities under an emergency certificate.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow physicians to hold a drug overdose victim in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities under an emergency certificate for being a threat to himself or herself.